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ALERT: AIMS A Science 2018 Administration

2018 Administration Window

Based on feedback from the survey and internal discussions, the AIMS A Science testing window will be February 1 – February 28, 2018.

There are several notes on this determination:

- AIMS A Science test administration has always overlapped with Spring Break in most districts. This new testing window helps alleviate issues with the overlap. Keep in mind that AIMS A Science is a shorter test than MSAA and only administered in Grades 4, 8, and 10.
- AIMS A Science administration does not overlap with MSAA or AzMERIT. It may overlap with AIMS Science.
- A law was recently passed restricting the length of testing windows for state assessments. This requires the ADE Assessment Section to re-evaluate the arrangement of our testing windows.
- There were a few comments on wanting additional instruction time. Please plan instruction accordingly.

2017 AIMS A Science Reports

Inquiries have come in regarding reports. Hard copies of the 2017 AIMS A Science Student Reports will be sent in early June. One copy should go to parents and the other copy should be placed in the student's confidential file. Electronic reports including Student Reports, School Roster Reports, District Demographics Reports, and District Data Files will be available for download from June 20 – July 14. MSAA reports will be available in August. Look for more information on downloading reports for both assessments over the summer.